GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3257
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FRAUD IN MULUND POST OFFICE, MUMBAI
Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry/investigation into fraud relating to small investors at Mulund West Post Office (Mumbai) has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the postal staff was involved in the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the complaint has been filed by the Department with the Mumbai Police/CBI in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay; and

(g) the time by which the money of the investors is likely to be refunded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. The departmental investigation has been completed.

(b) The amount of fraud detected is Rs. 57,16,956/- (Rupees Fifty seven lakh sixteen thousand nine hundred and fifty six only). Four Small Saving Agents are involved.

(c) Four postal employees are found to be involved in the case.

(d) Disciplinary action has been initiated against all these officials.

(e) Yes Sir, the Department has filed complaint with the Mumbai Police.

(f) The Police have arrested the agents who are the principal offenders and filed charge sheet in the Court.

(g) So far twelve claims amounting Rs. 2,34,364/ (Rupees two lakh thirty four thousand and three hundred sixty four only) have been sanctioned. No claim is pending with the department for settlement at present.